

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 18-21, 23 and 25 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 18 are currently amended. Claims 3, 16, 17, 22 and 24 were previously cancelled. Claims 7 and 10-15 are withdrawn.

Claims 4-6, 8 and 9 are allowed. The applicant appreciates the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in the present application.

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended in view of the Examiner's remarks, including the noted support in the present specification, in response to the respective rejections under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 18-21, 23 and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph because the Examiner finds these claims to be based on disclosure that is not enabling. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include recitation of the diameter of the hollow powder and formation of the hollow powder in view of the Examiner's comments.

Accordingly, the applicant submits that claim 1 is fully allowable under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In response to the rejection of claim 18 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, claim 18 has been amended to reinsert the inadvertently omitted text noted by the Examiner.

Accordingly, the applicant submits that all currently pending claims are fully allowable under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The applicant has made a sincere effort to revise the claims in view of the Examiner's rejections in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

If the claims of the application are not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03 so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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